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**WEATHER INFORMATION.**  
General Observations.  
Observations taken by the United States  
weather bureau at 8 p. m. yesterday, 72th  
meridian time:  
Temp. Wind. Rain.  
Athens ..... 42 ..... 0.00  
Aurillo ..... 32 ..... 0.00  
Atlanta ..... 35 ..... 0.00  
Columbus ..... 38 ..... 0.00  
Dayton ..... 39 ..... 0.00  
Detroit ..... 32 ..... 0.00  
El Paso ..... 50 ..... 0.00  
Galveston ..... 50 ..... 0.00  
Jacksonville ..... 56 ..... 0.00  
Kansas City ..... 49 ..... 0.00  
Memphis ..... 49 ..... 0.00  
Montgomery ..... 44 ..... 0.00  
Nashville ..... 34 ..... 0.00  
New Orleans ..... 48 ..... 0.00  
North Platte ..... 22 ..... 0.00  
Oklahoma ..... 36 ..... 0.00  
Omaha ..... 32 ..... 0.00  
Palestine ..... 48 ..... 0.00  
St. Louis ..... 26 ..... 0.00  
St. Paul ..... 6 ..... 0.00  
Vicksburg ..... 46 ..... 0.00  
**Probabilities.**  
Washington, December 7.—For Louisiana—  
Fair; light variable winds.  
East and West Texas and New Mexico—Fair;  
Variable winds; southwest winds.  
Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Arkansas—  
Fair; variable winds.  
**THE FIRE RECORD.**  
**Cottage at Van Alstyne.**  
Sherman, Texas, December 7.—Last  
night at Van Alstyne the Carter cottage,  
the property of Mrs. M. L. Leslie and oc-  
cupied by Wade Hampton, was destroyed  
by fire, together with its contents. Loss on  
cottage \$1000; insurance \$700; Mr. Ham-  
pton's loss and insurance not known. Origin  
of fire unknown.  
**Barn and Horses Burned.**  
Denton, Texas, December 7.—Fire broke  
out in a small rent house of Mr. F. W.  
Hughes at Pilot Point about 9:30 last night,  
consuming the entire building and burning  
R. T. Evans' corncrib and stable with  
about 30,000 bushels of corn and several  
tons of hay; also one of his horses. Loss  
several hundred dollars; no insurance.  
**Residence at Sherman.**  
Sherman, Texas, December 7.—This af-  
ternoon the residence of E. W. F. Burton  
was discovered to be on fire. The flames  
were controlled before a total loss was sus-  
tained. Damage to building and contents  
\$1000, fully covered by insurance.  
**College Building at Pike.**  
Celeste, Texas, December 6.—The college  
at Pike, seven miles west of here, burned  
with all its contents; loss about \$5000.  
**BUSINESS MATTERS.**  
**W. E. Simms Assists.**  
Port Worth, Texas, December 6.—W. E.  
Simms, boot and shoe dealer, one of the  
largest firms in North Texas, made a com-  
mon law assignment today for the benefit  
of creditors, without preferences. Ralph J.  
Saxe of Boston was made assignee. No list  
of creditors or assets are given. Some of the  
principal creditors are Traders' National  
bank, this city; K. S. Nelson, Brooklyn,  
Mass.; Utz & Dunn, Rochester, N. Y.;  
Marcy Bros., Boston; J. H. Lee, Boston.

**NICARAGUAN CANAL**  
Caustic Report on the Subject Sub-  
mitted to the Senate.  
**ARRAIGNMENT OF NICARAGUA.**  
Americans Who Secured the New Con-  
cessions Are Denounced.  
**UNITED STATES MAY COMPEL REDRESS**  
The Rights of Costa Rica Are Equal to  
Those of Nicaragua.  
**ACTION OF BOTH REPUBLICS IS ESSENTIAL**  
Consent of This Country Is Necessary  
to Any Proceeding Looking to a  
Forfeiture of Concession.  
(Special Dispatch to The Post.)  
Washington, December 7.—Everything is  
ready for a big fight over the Nicaraguan  
canal bill. At a special meeting of the  
Nicaraguan canal committee this morn-  
ing it was decided to report the Morgan  
bill to the senate at once and to present  
it for immediate consideration.  
Not discouraged by the gloomy outlook  
in the house, friends of the measure are  
combining their forces for a prompt and  
vigorous campaign in the senate. They  
believe they will succeed, but with Speaker  
Reed being arrayed with the opposition in  
the house, they have almost despaired of  
securing action by that body during the  
present session.  
Interviews with leading members dur-  
ing the last few days indicate that the  
fight for favorable action in the house is  
hopeless.  
As a result of the meeting of the sen-  
ate committee on Nicaraguan canal today  
Senator Morgan gave notice of an amend-  
ment to the Nicaraguan canal bill author-  
izing the immediate issuance with a guar-  
antee by this government of \$5,000,000 for  
the redemption of all outstanding stock  
except that held by the governments of  
Nicaragua and Costa Rica and the cancel-  
lation of all obligations.  
He submitted at the same time a report  
upon the situation with reference to the  
canal, dealing exclusively with the fact  
that the government of Nicaragua granted  
a concession to construct a canal to an-  
other company than the Maritime Canal  
company. He deals with this transaction  
in several terms, upholding the rights of  
the Maritime company for the present and  
for an extension of the concession for ten  
years more. The report arraigns the con-  
duct of the Republic of Nicaragua as well  
as that of the American citizens securing  
the new concession in most severe terms,  
attributing the course of Nicaragua to  
jealousy of Costa Rica and that of the  
concessionaries to "obstruct a great Na-  
tional policy in selling out to a transcon-  
tinent railway company for the defeat of  
a supposed competitor."  
"It would be well for the reputation of  
those concerned," the report says, "in thus  
dishonoring governments for their personal  
advantage and using their powers to create  
jealousy between States if it could be ear-  
that their conduct is not also corrupt."  
The committee adduces as a justifica-  
tion of the new report the seriousness of  
the situation, saying on this point: "The  
principal creditors are Traders' National  
bank, this city; K. S. Nelson, Brooklyn,  
Mass.; Utz & Dunn, Rochester, N. Y.;  
Marcy Bros., Boston; J. H. Lee, Boston."  
The report takes issue with the conten-  
tion of Nicaragua that that country owned



**CONGRESS**

NO CURRENCY LEGISLATION THIS SESSION

MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN OUR DEPENDENCIES

WAR TAXES TO BE CONTINUED

EXPANSION! IMPERIALISM!

PETITION FOR REDUCTION OF TAXATION

NATIONAL BANK NOTES

SILVER CERTIFICATES

GREENBACKS

Is Congress to Adopt the Spanish Policy of "Manana?"

—Philadelphia Record.

**A KNOTTY PROBLEM**  
Anglo-American Commissioners Can Not  
Agree on Reciprocity Clause.  
**WORK MAY COME TO NAUGHT.**  
Americans Willing to Make Concessions  
on a Number of Articles.  
**FREE LUMBER THE STUMBLING BLOCK.**  
Canadians Want the Lower as Well as the  
Higher Grades Admitted.  
**BAILEY SERVES NOTICE ON GEN. WHEELER**  
Will Protest Against His Acting as  
Congressman While a Soldier.  
Will Soon Be Relieved.  
(Special Dispatch to The Post.)  
Washington, December 7.—Reciprocity  
threatens to be a rock upon which the  
Anglo-American commission may split.  
There was a meeting today of the com-  
missioners having this question in charge, and  
the result was in the nature of a great  
disappointment to the British and Cana-  
dian representatives.  
The British and Canadian interests are  
anxious that the Dingley rates on lumber  
shall be reduced and have made demand  
to this effect. Three months ago the lum-

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**CUTTING OF RATES.**  
Western Traffic Bureau Favors  
Lowering the R. and O. Rate.  
The Southwest-  
ern bureau today determined not to  
raise its case before the Interstate  
commerce commission in which the Bal-  
timore and Ohio railroad is accused of rate  
cutting. It is considered doubtful, how-  
ever, whether the commerce commission  
will be able to do so. Witnesses may be  
called and compelled to testify in the  
case. The case was instituted several months  
ago. The railroad men have lately been  
making strong efforts to have the matter  
dropped. The Southwest-  
ern bureau also decided  
not to institute any case after the first of  
the year. It is not likely that the clause

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**GENERAL WHEELER'S POSITION.**  
**Congressman Bailey Opposes Him**  
Acting in Two Positions.  
(Special Dispatch to The Post.)  
Washington, December 7.—Major Gen-  
eral Joseph Wheeler, the commander of  
the Fourth army corps, has been in his  
seat in the house of representatives every  
day since the beginning of congress, but  
has not yet participated actively in the  
proceedings of the house.  
Representative Bailey of Texas, the lead-  
er of the democratic side, has notified Gen-  
eral Wheeler that if he attempts to exer-  
cise any of the functions of a representa-  
tive he will protest on the ground that  
when General Wheeler accepted his com-  
mission as an officer of the United States  
volunteer army he forfeited his seat in the  
house.  
General Wheeler stated to The Post cor-  
respondent today that he had carefully  
looked into the question of his right to  
hold his commission and retain his seat in  
the house at the same time and was con-  
vinced that he violated no law in so doing  
and that all the precedents were in his  
favor.  
Washington, December 7.—Major General  
Wheeler probably has seen his last service  
in the United States army. He was at the  
war department today and had a talk with  
Secretary Alger and Adjutant General Cor-  
bitt. It is understood he will be relieved  
from further active duty and there is a  
rumor that he will remain on the active list of the volunteer army  
until more of the army is mustered out  
of the service by the declaration of peace. This  
privilege is accorded to him in recognition  
of his distinguished services and will leave  
General Wheeler free to exercise his func-  
tions as a member of the house during this  
session. The command of the Fourth corps  
at Huntsville, Ala., is now held tempo-  
rarily by General Shafter, but it is under-  
stood General Lawton will be the perma-  
nent corps commander instead of assuming  
the command of the second corps, which is  
now under orders to go to Cuba. The  
Fourth corps is known as a reserve corps,  
and up to this time has received no orders  
looking to its movement or participation in  
any duty. It is said at the war depart-  
ment that no change has been made in the  
purpose of the department, respecting these  
troops for Cuba, as laid down in order  
No. 176, published at the date of leave, and  
which is now in process of execution. The  
only likelihood of change hereafter in the  
order is in the direction of returning the

**NAVAL RESERVE.**  
**Secretary Long Presents a Bill Pro-  
viding for Reorganization.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Post.)  
Washington, December 7.—Secretary  
Long today took the first step toward the  
organization of a National naval reserve.  
He forwarded to the chairman of the naval  
committees of the senate and house a  
draft of a bill "to provide for the enroll-  
ment and organization of the United States  
naval reserve."  
This bill is of the greatest importance  
to naval military men all over the coun-  
try, as it abolishes the organizations of  
which they are now members and permits  
their enrollment in the proposed establish-  
ment. Under the provisions of the bill  
all officers, petty officers and enlisted  
men of the naval militia, all volunteers  
and men who enlisted in the navy for not  
less than one year and who served during  
the war with Spain and all ex-officers of  
the naval academy who have honorably  
left the naval service may be enrolled  
in the reserve in the grades and rates  
held by them when honorably discharged  
or mustered out of the naval service. The  
senior line officer commissioned to re-  
quire to assume charge of the entire  
reserve force enrolled in his State and or-  
ganize as one or more ship companies.  
**Anti-Expansion Petition.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Post.)  
Washington, December 7.—Congressman  
Slayden today received a petition from  
practically every voter in Gillespie county  
protesting against the annexation of the  
Philippines. He says he understands that  
another is on the way from Comal county.  
**Robbed of \$1000.**  
Tyler, Texas, December 7.—Frank Bogus,  
a prosperous farmer of Van Zandt county,  
was knocked in the head and robbed of  
\$1000 and some notes while on his way  
home, about fifteen miles from Tyler. His  
injuries are not serious. No arrests yet.

**ber interests of the Northwest informed**  
the American commissioners that they  
would be willing to have white pine ac-  
crued from Canada free of duty but ob-  
jected to further concessions. The Amer-  
ican commissioners today failed to make  
any proposition regarding lumber.  
Washington, December 7.—The Anglo-  
American commission has been obliged to  
reschedule its sessions, making them from  
9:30 to 11:30 a. m., in order to permit  
Senators Fairbank and Faulkner and Rep-  
resentative Dingley, who are members of  
the commission, to attend to their congres-  
sional duties.  
After today's session it is stated that  
the outlook for concluding the treaty was  
fairly good, although it was not yet cer-  
tain that such a result could be brought  
about. If a treaty is made the expecta-  
tion is that it will be concluded before the  
holidays. The subjects at present under  
consideration include the reciprocity and  
fisheries, on which the commissioners are  
quite guarded. The idea is conveyed that  
reciprocity presents the most serious prob-  
lems for solution before the way is clear  
to a treaty.  
Senator Fairbanks has entertained the  
distinguished British members of the com-  
mission at the senate end of the capital,  
and Representative Dingley will extend a  
similar courtesy at the house end.  
It is understood that the session today  
brought more definite developments on the  
important reciprocity questions than have  
been secured heretofore and the American  
side presented a schedule telling about  
how it was possible to go on this subject.  
Although the commission will authorize  
no statement, intelligent observers of its  
work say that the American proposition  
probably includes concessions on barley,  
live animals, agricultural products and  
certain ores and possibly also some con-  
cessions on coal. It is understood not to  
make concessions on lumber, which is the  
item on which the Canadian officials have  
been most desirous of securing reductions.  
At the same time, while free lumber does  
not appear to be contemplated by the pre-  
sident's direction of affairs, yet there is a dis-  
tinct suggestion among the American commis-  
sioners to exempt certain high grades of lumber  
free of duty but not to admit the low  
grades. The latter grades are the ones  
constituting the bulk of trade across the  
border and from the American standpoint  
a heavy influx of these low grades dam-  
ages the market on this side. As to the  
high grades, the purpose, it is said, is to  
give Canada the same advantage as she  
now has in England. It is said the can-  
adians which the Americans are willing  
to give are considerably short of what the  
British-Canadian side had expected and  
even felt to be essential as an offer in  
concessions already actively made on  
some other branches of the negotiations.  
The Canadians will probably submit con-  
siderable proposals and as a result of these  
definite exchanges an early agreement, or  
at least a settlement is looked forward to at  
no distant date.

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